

EXHIBIT A

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

TSANG et al.

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For: CD56 POSITIVE HUMAN ADULT
PANCREATIC ENDOCRINE
PROGENITOR CELLS

Customer No.: 20350

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DECLARATION OF DR. WEN-GHIH
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Sir:

I, Wen-Ghih Tsang, Ph.D., being duly warned that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both (18 U.S.C. § 1001), and may jeopardize the validity of the patent application or any patent issuing thereon, state and declare as follows:

1. All statements herein made of my own knowledge are true, and statements made on information or belief are believed to be true and correct.
2. I am an inventor on this application and am currently Senior Vice President of Research and Development at AmCyte, Inc. I received a Ph.D. in Medicinal Chemistry from Boston College in 1978. I was a post-doctoral fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology from 1978-1980, working in the fields of cell-surface chemistry and applied enzymology. From 1980-1982 I was a research chemist with the Shell Oil Company. I began to work on cell encapsulation and transplantation while at Damon Biotech, Inc. (renamed